GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PROBLEMS OF KANI SHAWL ARTISANS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that traditional artisans of Kani Shawl are living in poverty;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) the number of artisans of Kani Shawl registered with the Handicraft Board; and

(d) the amount spent to develop this craft during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a): It has been reported by the Handloom Development Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir that traditional weavers of Kani Shawl are not living in poverty.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): There is no organisation in the name of Handicraft Board. 157 weavers of Kani Shawl are registered with the Handloom Development Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

(d): The amount released to develop this craft during the last three years under the schemes of the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has been to the tune of Rs.41.91 lakhs.